
July 2022 MGT meeting notes

Subject: Jeffrey Davis' Zoom Meeting - Marlboro Green Team - Meeting Notes and Aftermath

Notes from the 7/26 MGT meeting follow, including a post-meeting item.

I hope that MGT members are able to attend future meetings as ultimately, we hope to get green energy projects embedded into the Township psyche!

Post 7/26 MGT meeting:

Some discussion is arising behind the scenes about Dino Day and what the MGT might do. We might have handouts that could include the following, but Adrienne is open to ideas.

- One idea circulating is to develop a generic (and high-level) project plan for installing an EV charging station in one's home, as well as solar panels. Phyllis has done this, but I was thinking that we might utilize an electrical contractor to jumpstart what is needed from their perspective. Same for solar panels.
 - o Any thoughts from MGT members?
 - o Any interest in working on a small team to accomplish this?

Meeting of the MGT is on Tuesday, 7-26, at 7PM.

7/26 Attendees: Adrienne, Mark, Jeff, Pramod, Louis, Bill

1. Raingarden status: Mark, Pramod and Adrienne report.
 - a. Mark – the RG is pretty much done in terms of planting.
 - b. Mark: Water bib installed for the raingarden in the morning of 7/26.
 - c. A: woodchips available for a path with the raingarden and in the raingarden, itself.
 - i. Another task is to move the chips – the PW would move it from the affordable housing area and the MGT would get it moved within the raingarden.
 - d. Mark: need volunteers to water the RG, if we continue to not get rain.
 - e. Pramod: weeding will also be needed.
 - f. Adrienne: camp ends in the first week of August, which will give some more flexibility.
 - g. This will need further discussion.
2. Marlboro Day is Sept 18. Update by Adrienne, on current status.
 - a. Need volunteers for preparing for Marlboro Day.
 - b. Need ideas for what to do on Marlboro Day.

- c. Because Marlboro Day is usually very crowded, Dino Day would be better for interacting on climate change with township residents who attend the event.
- 3. Adrienne will contact Zenon of SustainableJersey to get Jeff in touch with him to identify the information needed for a grant to utilize a grad student to conduct an energy audit. This grant application should start in February. However, due to the inability to save data in the online application process, one needs to have all the information ready.
 - o Per Adrienne: [The project with the grad student] may not involve a fleet evaluation initially, but we can look into it without a consultant.
 - o [Note: Adrienne initiated contact email on 7/29. Jeff will follow up week of 8/1 as SustainableJersey staff is off during the summer on Fridays].
- 4. Not covered on 7/26 (to be included in the next agenda):
- 5. How do we get senior officials in the township to get interested in the green movement? Potential targets:
 - a. Town Council – are there any green allies on the council? How do we approach the council? What is the appropriate forum?
 - b. Mayor’s exec assistant.
 - c. Are there any other township officials to be approached by the MGT for support?
 - This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 6. Phyllis was to identify the time(s) for charging selected EVs under various battery types/configurations. As Phyllis was not on the July call, will follow up.
- 7. Bill Silverman from the June meeting: There is a big push to get electric school buses. Maybe we could be influential in getting some action here with our local government.
 - a. My comment from an email back in June: an interesting point. I wonder whether the Marlboro school district is already doing things regarding becoming “greener”. Remember that the Middle School has constructed solar panels in a “community solar” type of project. We know nothing about that project regarding its genesis may show that the Marlboro Bd of Ed is way ahead of the Marlboro gov’t administration in the green energy arena.
 - b. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 8. From the June meeting: Re Future grant programs from Sustainable Jersey: since these come with short time frames, generally outside of what steps would be needed for Marlboro, what can we anticipate in advance and plan for?
 - Mark noted that grants are coming in the not too distant future. Therefore, we need to prepare in advance.
 - This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - This relates to Adrienne’s comment about getting hooked in with Zenon, noted above.
 - o Sidebar: This project will require broader support from the MGT. It will culminate in the type of project that will help the Township become greener over time.
- 9. Did anyone attend the 6/24 sustainable Jersey conference? Comments? Not discussed in June or July.
 - a. Jeff received an email from Lauren S that the text of some of the meeting transcripts will be published in a future enews from Sustainable Jersey. I have not yet seen an enews mailing from them. May have to go to their website and search for it as time permits.

